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72nd A.D. UPDATE: SPECIAL GETS NO RESPECT.

Editor's note: The election to replace former Assemblyman Ross Johnson (R-Fullerton/Irvine) will take place July 18th. It's being called the *Special That Doesn't Get Any Respect*. Here is CALPEEK's brief update & analysis...

...This special has been ignored by the Orange Co. news media and even CALPEEK almost forgot about it. Why? Political reporters were too wrapped up in covering O.C.'s June 27th election on Measure R that we simply overlooked the 72nd A.D.'s vacant seat...

...So what's been happening? Not much action at all, except for this past week when former Fullerton Councilman Richard Ackerman and current Fullerton Councilman Christopher Norby began slugging it out, without paying much attention to the 3rd key GOPer in the race, Yorba Linda Councilwoman Barbara Kiley...

...While none of the 3 has come close to reaching a \$150,000 warchest, both Ackerman and Norby may be over \$100,000 by the time this election ends. Kiley is trailing badly in fundraising, which is why some sources think this is a tight 2-person GOP race, with Kiley coming in 3rd behind either Ackerman or Norby...

...But Kiley's husband, Bob, who is managing her race, hopes the two men will split just enough of the vote so that Barbara can sneak in and win, a la Marilyn Brewer in the 70th A.D. in '94. Is this possible? Perhaps, but many think it's a long shot for Kiley. But she is waging a solid grassroots effort her Yorba Linda stronghold...

...As with all specials, the key may be **absentee ballots**. Ackerman sent out 3 applications for AV ballots and by all accounts may have the most. As of 7/11, the O.C. Registrar said there were 15,314 requests for AV ballots, of which 6,601 were generated by the official sam-

ple ballot and 7,007 generated by candidates (meaning Ackerman). Only 4,431 ballots were voted as of 7/11. What does this mean? *A low turnout of perhaps less than 10%*. A Sept. 12th runoff with Demo Shirley Hafner is likely because none of the GOP candidates are expected to go over 50%. Stay tuned...

THE ALLEN RECALL DRIVE IN 67TH A.D. PICKS UP STEAM, BUT PRO-ALLEN FORCES ARE RALLYING.

Editor's note: Petitions seeking to recall GOP Assembly Speaker Doris Allen of Cypress have been on the street about 2-3 weeks. Sources favoring the recall say they have already collected 8,000 signatures. Here's a brief CALPEEK update & analysis...

...If this report is accurate, then recall proponents are almost 1/3rd of the way through the process of gathering 25,606 valid signatures. There's still a long way to go, but the recall drive appears to be picking up support from some very traditional sources. For example, as reported earlier, the CA Republican Party's County Chairmen's Assn. endorsed the recall several weeks ago and now the CRP Executive Cmt. (read that as CRP Chair John Herrington) has done the same. The O.C. GOP Central Cmt., as well as the Lincoln Club of O.C. also are aboard. Recall consultant Dave Gilliard has hit Allen with one mailer (it's called **Betrayed**) and there's even a regular "Doris Watch" FAX update which we assume is coming from the Allen Recall HQ in O.C. ☎(714)969-7457...

...However, Allen is fighting back and has formed a **support committee** to battle the recall and she's already pumped out a letter to her constituents in the 67th A.D., defending the way she won the Speakership job with Demo votes. While CALPEEK doesn't know all of the details of this Allen support cmt., sources report that well known GOP consultant Allan Hoffenblum of L.A. has been retained as one of the Speaker's

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key consultants. Not too surprising when you consider Hoffenblum's close ties to former GOP Assemblyman Gerald Felando of San Pedro, who is the Speaker's top aide in the Capitol. When Felando was in office, Hoffenblum was his consultant...

...At this point, what are the prospects of the recall drive qualifying? Fair. First, you really can't compare this recall to that of Paul Horcher. Major differences. Horcher had virtually no support in the GOP Assembly Caucus whereas Allen does --- slim, but it's there. And by all accounts, Allen has good GOP support within her 67th A.D. Horcher's GOP support base disappeared the day he voted for Willie Brown(D) over Jim Brulte(R) for Speaker. And statewide, there just doesn't seem to be the same level of hatred and desire for revenge that was present in the Horcher recall. Two other things Allen has going for her: 1) The GOP's legislative agenda is moving forward on her watch; and 2) there seems to be a total lack of discipline within the GOP Assembly Caucus. There's outright hatred between some members and a total lack of civility --- and it's getting worse. Stay tuned...

17th A.D. RECALL: MACHADO VOTES FOR WILSON TAX CUT PLAN. SOURCES SAY THIS WILL HELP HIM. Demo Assemblyman Mike Machado of Linden was the lone Demo in the Assembly to vote YES on Gov. Pete Wilson's proposed tax cut plan. Sources say Machado's YES vote may have neutralized Wilson, as well as some other GOP Assembly Caucus members who have reservations about this Aug. 22 recall, which is the brainchild of BoE Member Dean Andal(R) and Assemblyman Larry Bowler(R-Sacto), with funding from State Sen. Rob Hurtt of Orange Co. Right now Machado's consultant Richie Ross is pumping out mail to build up a bank of **absentee voter** ballots. On 7/10 CALPEEK called the San Joaquin Co. Registrar and was told there were about 16,900 AB applications on hand. Demos claim about 12,000 to 13,000, while the recall forces may have 6,000. Ballots will be mailed on July 28th. Stay tuned...

L.A. TIMES ROBERT SHEER TO DISCUSS GINGRICH.

L.A. Times contributing editor/columnist Robert Sheer will discuss "The Gingrich Revolution: Dream or Nightmare?" at a forum hosted by Women For, 7:30 p.m., July 18, University Synagogue, West L.A. For info ☎ (310)657-7411...

CAMPAIGN 1996: SAN GABRIEL VALLEY UPDATE.

Editor's note: Although *term limits* has caused much political instability across the State, nowhere is that instability more evident than in L.A. County's San Gabriel Valley. Here is a special update...

...Republicans and Demos both are keenly aware of a *major shift* in the political demographics of the San Gabriel Valley --- for years *very safe* turf for virtually all GOP candidates. But in recent years lots of new, middle income families (many Demos and minorities) have been moving into this area -- so many that consultants now regard the area as *swing territory* -- meaning lots of very close races...

...As CALPEEK has reported before, State Sen. Newton Russell(R-Glendale) is *termed out* of his 21st S.D. district in 1996; and now we have solid reports from a number of sources that U.S. Rep. Carlos Moorhead(R-Glendale) will not seek reelection in '96 to his 27th C.D. seat. Moorhead has not issued a statement, but that may come soon. In any event, these two developments continue to cause **musical chairs** in the San Gabriel Valley --- mostly among GOP politicians...

...The elected official sitting in the best position is GOP Assemblyman James Rogan of Glendale. He's now being touted as a replacement for GOP Speaker Doris Allen, meaning he might stay put in his 43rd A.D. seat. But a better guess is that he's leaning toward running for Moorhead's seat. But Rogan could also run for Russell's 21st S.D. job, which would make GOP State Senate Leader Ken Maddy a happy camper...

...So where does this leave everyone else? L.A. Co. Sup. Mike Antonovich(R) is **not** a happy camper. He wanted Moorhead to run one more time --- then retire in '98, giving Mike a free ride for the 27th C.D. GOP Assemblymembers Bill Hoge of Pasadena and Paula Boland of Northridge will wait for Rogan's move. If Rogan runs for Congress, Boland and Hoge may file for Russell's seat. Boland for sure --- there is some doubt about Hoge, who may stay in the 44th A.D....

...In terms of non-incumbents, former Glendale School Bd. member Sharon Beauchamp(R) has been campaigning for Russell's 21st S.D. job for nearly a year. In

addition to Boland, she might have competition from L.A.P.D. officer Peter Rapovich(R), who is keeping close tabs on both the 21st S.D. and Rogan's 43rd A.D. Ditto Burbank Councilman Bill Wiggins(R), who has already started an exploratory effort for the 43rd A.D. just in case Rogan moves up the ladder. On the Demo side, Adam Schiff of Burbank, who gave Rogan a very strong race in '94, could file for either the 21st S.D. (he'd make Demo Senate Leader Bill Lockyer a happy camper) or the 43rd A.D. As for Demos looking at the Moorhead seat, Doug Kahn wants yet another shot and SAG President Barry Gordon announced for the 27th C.D. on July 14th. Stay tuned...

BROOKS DROPS HARMAN ELECTION CHALLENGE.

After months of complaining about how she lost the 36th C.D. election because of what she said was election fraud, GOP candidate Susan Brooks of Rancho Palos Verdes has dropped her congressional challenge to unseat U.S. Rep. Jane Harman(D-L.A.). Why? Brooks says it was the time factor. This makes sense. It would have taken almost until the end of the year before the results were known, leaving only 3 months before the new election cycle. But according to an L.A. Times story, a GOP staffer on the House Oversight Task Force handling the challenge said the investigation was going nowhere. In other words, the Brooks challenge was in trouble. On election night, Brooks led Harman by 93 votes, but when the absentee ballots were counted 2 weeks later, Harman had won by 812 votes and Brooks had egg on her face. Brooks and her Cmt. for Election Integrity claimed as many as 1,000 fraudulent votes, but that number kept inching up until it reached more than 2,000 allegations. The problem was that Brooks' information was not easy to follow. In April, CA Sec. of State Bill Jones started his own probe using the Brooks data. Although some 1,314 cases are still being checked, Jones says 4 cases have been referred to the L.A. Co. DA (confirmed) and 61 have been closed due to lack of violation. That's 6% possible violations, 94% no violations. Draw your own conclusions. Stay tuned...

L.A. CO. DA GIL GARCETTI AT LEXINGTON GROUP.

L.A. County DA Gil Garcetti, who faces reelection in 1996, will address members of the Lexington Group, 12 noon, July 26, Jade West Restaurant, Century City. Event is free to members, \$30 for non-members. For info ☎ Paulette Surjue-Lindo at (310)312-4000, ext. 4634...

CAMPAIGN '96: ADDING MORE NAMES TO THE MIX.

Editor's note: Here's yet another update on who's IN and who's OUT for 1996 House & Legislative races...

☒ **40th A.D.** - Sources say Demo Francine Oschin, asst. chief deputy to L.A. Councilman Hal Bernson, has filed for Barbara Friedman's OPEN 40th A.D. seat. Oschin has hired consultant Harvey Englander to run her campaign. Demo attorney Bob Hertzberg has already filed for this seat...

☒ **4th A.D.** - Former Dodger/Yankee infielder Steve Sax(R) has hired Pacific/West Communications Group to manage his primary campaign for David Knowles' OPEN 4th A.D. seat...

☒ **14th A.D.** - CALPEEK sources say there are at least 4 Demos who are running for the Assembly post of Tom Bates(D-Richmond), who is termed out in '96. Among those running are former Albany Mayor Robert Cheasty, Berkeley Councilwoman Carla Woodworth, Mark Friedman(a county supe staffer) and Dion Aroner, current COS to Bates in his Capitol office...

☒ **19th A.D.** - Daly City Mayor Madolyn Agrimonti (D) has signed Demo consultant Phil Giarrizzo to manage her primary campaign for Assemblywoman Jackie Speier's OPEN seat. FYI: said to be looking at yet another comeback, former Demo Assemblyman Lou Papen...

☒ **38th A.D.** - In the battle to replace GOP Assemblywoman Paula Boland of Northridge, who is termed out in '96, two GOP hopefuls have announced for the seat. They are Simi Valley PA/marketing & lobbying firm exec. Steve Frank; and Canoga Park PA/govt. affrs. consultant Ross Hopkins. Hopkins has hired McNally-Temple & Assoc. as his lead consultant, with consultant Jill Barad handling fundraising and local activities in the 38th...

☒ **26th A.D.** - Merced City councilman Dennis Cardoza(D) has thrown his hat in the ring for Assemblyman Sal Cannella's OPEN seat. Sal is termed out in '96. Cardoza has signed Phil Giarrizzo to manage his campaign. Attorney Larry Morse(D), a former aide to State Sen. Milton Marks, is also looking (seriously)...

CA BALLOT MEASURE UPDATE: POT INITIATIVE.

Editor's note: The CA Sec. of State's office has given the green light to yet another ballot initiative to legalize *marijuana*. To make the Mar. 26, 1996, ballot, all initiatives have to qualify by Nov. 16, 1995. Here is a brief update...

■ **"Marijuana"** is the official title of an initiative statute that would allow persons over 21 to cultivate, transport, distribute or consume marijuana for industrial, medicinal, nutritional and personal use without prosecution. The proponents are Jack Herer, Todd P. McCormick, Eric D. Shevin, Melissa A. Niemeyer, George C. Johnson, Randall Bart, Barbara Shear and Lee Wilson. All are members of a Van Nuys based group called H.E.M.P. They have until Nov. 27th to collect 433,269 valid signatures...

CALPEEK's INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

◆ **CA's ZEV Mandate** - ZEV stands for "zero emission" vehicle. *Electric cars*. Starting in 1998, the CA Air Resources Board (ARB) will require that more and more cars sold in CA be ZEV autos (electric cars). The CA Manufacturers Assn. (CMA) has launched a PR campaign to discredit the electric car with a series of memos (called *Short Circuit*), which are usually attached to either editorials or news articles bashing the ZEV law or electric cars. FYI: So far we've gotten 12 Short Circuit memos...

◆ **Before Hugh Grant** - Just in case you forgot, we'll remind you --- before actor Hugh Grant there was U.S. Rep. Ken Calvert (R-Riverside). Almost the same thing. He was spotted in his car by cops with a known hooker --- and he denied it for months before admitting the truth. Did it hurt Calvert? No, voters were very forgiving and he was reelected in 1994...

◆ **S.F. Mayor's Race** - Incumbent Mayor Frank Jordan hires Phil Perry as his campaign press secretary. If the name sounds familiar, it's because Phil was GOP Assembly Leader Jim Brulte's press secretary. As for Jordan rival Willie Brown, he's hired Ms. Pat Reilly from the NWPC as his campaign press secretary. FYI: Brown held a July 10th news conference, where he released his income taxes and his law firm client list...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● Although he is still keeping his own political campaign business open, veteran consultant Joe Shumate has joined the Sacto office of Stoorza, Ziegaus, Metzger & Hunt as a Sr. counselor. Shumate will also continue to serve on Gov. Wilson's presidential campaign...

● Former Demo gubernatorial candidate Kathleen Brown has been hired as a Sr. VP at Bank of America in downtown L.A...

● Portland-based Moore Information has opened an office in the DC, with veteran pollster Hans Kaiser in charge. The new office is at 236 Massachusetts Ave., N.E., Ste. 207, Wash. DC 20002. The ☎ is (202)546-7521...

● Jeff Lungren (son of Dan) has joined the Sacto office of Pacific/West Communications Group...

● L.A. based political consultant Steve Powell has formed a new venture with the nation's largest GOP media firm. The new firm will be known as Powell, Roberts & Castellanos/National Media. The L.A. office will be a Raleigh Studios, 662 Van Ness Ave., Suite 305, Hollywood, CA 90004. ☎ (213)960-3472...

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